

Educational Quotations

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

– *Albert Schweitzer*

One's belief that one is sincere is not so dangerous as one's conviction that one is right. We all feel we are right; but we felt the same way 20 years ago and today we know we weren't always right. – *Igor Stravinsky*

Out beyond the idea of right thinking and wrong thinking is a field. . . . I will meet you there. . . . – *Jalaluddin Rumi*

Far away in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see the beauty, believe in them and try to follow where they lead. – *Louisa May Alcott*

Passion persuades. – *Anita Roddick*

Intellectuals solve problems; geniuses prevent them. – *Albert Einstein*

Success, real success, in any endeavor demands more from an individual than most people are willing to offer-not more than they are capable of offering. – *James Roche*

In times of change, the learner will inherit the earth while the learned are beautifully equipped for a world that no longer exists. – *Eric Hoffer*

Ideas won't keep; something must be done about them. – *Alfred North Whitehead*

We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee. – *Marian Wright Edelman*

The possibility that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just. – *Abraham Lincoln*

The tragedy in life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach. – *Benjamin Mays*

To create real change in this world, you have to have a vision, and you have to have enormous perseverance. It's the same principle that applies in any entrepreneurial adventure: You've got to be too stupid to quit. – *Marguerite Sallee (CEO, Frontline Group)*

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. – *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

The first part of success is Get-to-it-iveness; the second part of success is Stick-to-it-iveness.– *Orison Swett Marden*

The important thing in science is not so much to obtain new facts as to discover new ways of thinking about them.– *Sir William Bragg*

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.– *Alvin Toffler*

The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything...or nothing.
– *Lady Nancy Astor*

Problems cannot be solved at the same level of awareness that created them. – *Albert Einstein*

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.– *Robert F. Kennedy*

Every project is a self-portrait of the person who did it.– *Norman Rockwell*

Let go of your attachment to being right, and suddenly your mind is more open. You're able to benefit from the unique viewpoints of others, without being crippled by your own judgment. – *Ralph Marston*

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. – *Chinese proverb*

Learning is finding out what you already know. – *Richard Bach*

Learning is what most adults will do for a living in the 21st century. – *Bob Perelman*

Leadership is getting someone to do what they don't want to do, to achieve what they want to achieve. – *Tom Landry*

Only passions, great passions, can elevate the soul to great things. – *Denis Diderot*

Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless.
– *Thomas Edison*

When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this. You haven't. – *Thomas Edison*

It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education. – *Albert Einstein*

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that they are difficult. – *Seneca*

It is not best that we all should think alike, it is differences of opinion that make horse races. – *Mark Twain*

If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking. – *Gen. George S. Patton*

I skate to where the puck is going to be, not to where it has been. – *Wayne Gretzky*

If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time—a tremendous whack. – *Winston Churchill*

Education is not the filling of a bucket but the lighting of a fire.— *W.B. Yeats*

If you do not have the time to read, you do not have the time to lead.— *Phillip Schlechty*

Students are volunteers, whether we want them to be or not. Their attendance can be commanded, but their attention must be earned. Their compliance can be insisted on, but their commitment is under their own control.— *Phillip Schlechty*

If you think of vision and mission as an organization's head and heart, the values its holds are its soul.— *From Making Common Sense Common Practice, by Buzzotta/Lefton/Cheney/Beatty (New Leaders Press)*

Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier.— *Charles Kettering*

There are really only three types of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who say, What happened? – *Ann Landers*

Progress is impossible without change; and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.— *George Bernard Shaw*

Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better.— *Richard Hooker*

There is a certain relief in change, even though it be from bad to worse; as I have found in travelling in a stage-coach, that it is often a comfort to shift one's position and be bruised in a new place. – *Washington Irving*

Don't ever take a fence down until you know the reason why it was put up.— *G.K. Chesterton*

There is no way to make people like change. You can only make them feel less threatened by it. – *Frederick Hayes*

The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress.— *George Kettering*

There is nothing permanent except change.— *Greek proverb*

Times change and we change with them. – *Latin proverb*

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.– *Leo Tolstoy*

If we don't change the direction we're going, we're likely to end up where we are headed.
– *Chinese proverb*

The best teacher is the one who suggests, rather than dogmatizes, and inspires his listener with the wish to teach himself. – *Edward Bulwer-Lytton*

Self-initiated learning, once begun, develops its own momentum.– *Ray Hartjen*

Fear is a natural reaction to moving closer to the truth.– *Pema Chodron, from her book, When Things Fall Apart*

Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.– *John Dewey*

A mind stretched to a new idea, never goes back to its original dimensions.
– *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

What we need is more people who specialize in the impossible.– *Theodore Roosevelt*

Even when I was young I suspected that much might be done in a better way.– *Henry Ford, Sr.*

We are now at a point where we must educate our children in what no one knew yesterday, and prepare our schools for what no one knows yet. – *Margaret Mead*

No matter how far you have gone on a wrong road, turn back.– *Turkish proverb*

Efficiency is doing the thing right. Effectiveness is doing the right thing.– *Peter F. Drucker*

Reform must come from within, not from without.– *James Gibbons*

Every reform was once a private opinion. – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

We only think when we are confronted with a problem.– *John Dewey*

The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.
– *Winston Churchill*

Vision is the art of seeing things invisible. – *Jonathan Swift*

Where there is no vision, the people perish. – *Proverbs 29:18*

We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise, we harden.– *Goethe*

Not doing more than the average is what keeps the average down.— *William M. Winans*

Don't be afraid to take a big step. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.

A person who follows in another's track leaves no footprints.

Thus, the task is not so much to see what no one yet has seen, but to think what nobody yet has thought about that which everybody sees.— *Arthur Schopenhauer*

The time is always right to do what is right.— *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Actually, the good news is that great minds don't always think alike.

— *Goldman Sachs advertisement in the Wall St. Journal, January 2000*

There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.— *John F. Kennedy*

In order to succeed, you must know what you are doing, like what you are doing, and believe in what you are doing.— *Will Rogers*

Many things can wait; the child cannot. Now is the time his bones are being formed, his mind is being developed. To him, we cannot say tomorrow; his name is today.— *Gabriela Mistral*

We can talk or dream about the glorious schools of the future or we can create them.

— *Marilyn Ferguson*

Who wants change? Things are bad enough as they are.— *Lord Salisbury*

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.— *Semisonic, "Closing Time"*

Every person takes the limits for their own field of vision for the limits of the world.

— *Arthur Schopenhauer*

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.— *Will Rogers*

Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there.— *Josh Billings*

Attempt the impossible in order to improve your work.— *Bette Davis*

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.— *Winston Churchill*

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.— *Albert Einstein*

Anyone who isn't confused really doesn't understand the situation.— *Edward R. Murrow*

A prudent question is one half of wisdom.– *Francis Bacon*

A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.– *John A. Shedd*

My interest is in the future, because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.
– *Charles F. Kettering*

Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.– *Lyndon B. Johnson*

It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't.– *Martin Van Buren*

I couldn't wait for success, so I went ahead without it.– *Jonathan Winters*

The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem, but whether it's the same problem you had last year.– *John Foster Dulles*

One worthwhile task carried to a successful conclusion is better than half-a-hundred half-finished tasks.– *B. C. Forbes*

Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.– *Conrad Hilton*

Discoveries are often made by not following instructions, by going off the main road, by trying the untried.– *Frank Tyger*

When one teaches, two learn.– *Robert Half*

The man who does things makes mistakes, but he doesn't make the biggest mistake of all-doing nothing.– *Benjamin Franklin*

If you're treading water, you're losing ground.– *Stephen W. Comiskey*

Recovering from failure is often easier than building from success.– *Michael D. Eisner*

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